

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 19-22 are presently active. Claim 19 has been amended to correct a minor typographical informality.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claim 19 was rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over Claim 1 in U.S. Ser. No. 10/278,916. Claims 19-22 were also rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over Claim 1 in U.S. Ser. No. 10/278,916 in view of Aoki et al (U.S. Pat. No. 6,166,842).

Regarding the double patenting obviousness-type rejections, Applicants point out that U.S. Ser. No. 10/278,916 is now patented as U.S. Patent No. 6,788,444. Accordingly, Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321 disclaiming any period of the present application that extends beyond the period of U.S. Patent No. 6,788,444. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the double patenting rejections have been overcome.

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Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the above discussions, the outstanding grounds for rejection are believed to have been overcome. The application as amended herewith is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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